

A week or so back, I traveled to a town called Kewanee, Illinois, to visit our Head Start classrooms there.

There was a teacher named Miss Candice, who told me that she loves her job. But she doesn't stay for the pay, she doesn't stay for the benefits, but for the families.

Miss Candice has a student in her class, and before that student, she had that student's siblings. All of the siblings in that family had passed through her classroom. She feels that she has helped this family grow up. And she has.

The American Rescue Plan isn't just about the numbers, though. It is about the 143,000 children in the district I serve who will be helped, the 27 million children nationwide. Child poverty cut in half. We are rebuilding our communities all over this great country, and we can't stop now.

We can keep rebuilding with the American Jobs and Families Act. Today and together, we can make this a once-in-a-century investment in our families, the future of our children, and our Nation.

Let's make sure teachers like Miss Candice can continue helping our families.

VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great concern over the Biden administration's foreign policy. The world has watched with growing concern as Hamas rockets have pummeled the Israeli people, forcing Israel to take retaliatory steps to protect its own citizens. This escalation occurs as the Biden administration has pivoted away from anything useful in the Middle East, neglecting Israel, which is one of our strongest allies.

Just recently, we have learned that over \$15 million in foreign aid from this year's phony Democrat coronavirus package went to the Palestinians, who take their orders from the terrorist group Hamas, which is a proxy state for Iran, who wishes the total eradication of Israel. What message does this send to our allies, sending money to both sides?

Similarly, President Biden is looking to restart the Obama-Biden Iran nuclear deal that President Trump smartly left. That naive accord had broad bipartisan opposition, including from now-Senate Majority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER, and was strongly opposed by Israel. It is astounding that President Biden would take the word of the Iranian Government, whose leaders call us their sworn enemy, and spurn our strongest ally in the region, Israel.

We have got to do better.

BRINGING AWARENESS TO TARDIVE DYSKINESIA

(Mr. PETERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise during Mental Health Awareness Month to bring attention to tardive dyskinesia, or TD, a persistent and potentially disabling movement disorder that can be a side effect of medications prescribed to treat mental illness.

According to a survey of people diagnosed with TD, more than half reported that the disorder seriously disrupts their sleep and their ability to work. People living with TD often face stigma, which can worsen mental health symptoms and cause withdrawal from society.

While TD affects over half a million people in the United States, it remains a relatively unknown condition, often unrecognized, and patients suffering from the illness may be misdiagnosed.

Earlier this month, Senator CHRIS MURPHY introduced S. 184, recognizing the week of May 2 to May 8 as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

Improving awareness and understanding of TD will help reduce the stigma of mental illness and help us provide better treatment to this underserved patient population.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as National Foster Care Month and to say thank you to every parent, volunteer, and mentor who work with our foster children.

I am a proud member of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth and had a foster brother growing up, who is still part of my family.

During this month, we renew our commitment to ensure that every child has a safe and loving family.

I know firsthand how a supportive and loving home can make all the difference in a young person's life.

There are over 460,000 children and youth in foster care. These children and youth range from infants to 18 years old, when they age out.

Foster youth who transition out of the foster care system without a permanent home are at a higher risk of unemployment, poor educational outcomes, health issues, early parenthood, long-term dependency on public assistance, increased rates of incarceration, and homelessness.

Every child deserves a safe, supportive, and permanent family. We have the responsibility to continue to create policies that will improve the outcomes of the overall well-being of foster youth and their families.

SUPPORT FOR LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight legislation that I recently introduced, the Longshore and Harbor Workers COVID-19 Compensation Act.

I am extremely proud that this is my first piece of legislation and that it serves to protect the health, safety, and livelihoods of our Nation's maritime workers.

The current health pandemic has created serious challenges for these essential workers, including unpaid, mandatory quarantine requirements resulting from COVID-19 contraction or exposure.

In the First Congressional District of Indiana, the Burns Waterway Harbor generates more than \$15 billion in business revenue and supports over 80,000 workers, including union jobs with the International Longshoremen's Association.

I appreciate the support of my chairman on the House Education and Labor Committee, BOBBY SCOTT, and I look forward to working with all of my colleagues to support this invaluable workforce and to move this legislation forward as soon as possible.

WORSENING DROUGHT CRISIS IN CALIFORNIA

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the worsening drought crisis in California, which has become so devastating that farmers are abandoning their crops in the fields.

This was an asparagus field in Firebaugh, a small, rural town in my district. Recently, the farmer made the difficult decision to abandon the crop in that field to preserve water for his melon crops instead. You can clearly see the destruction this drought has wreaked on his farmland.

Promised water will now not be delivered. Farmers all over California are unable to bring their crops to harvest, crops that would have fed families across the United States.

With legislation like my bill, the RENEW WIIN Act, those farmers might have been able to save their fields rather than be forced to waste and destroy half-grown produce our Nation relies on California to grow.

If the House majority continues to refuse to take up legislation to address the drought, farmers won't have to choose between asparagus or melons, because they won't have the water to grow any food at all.